

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAMICHI AKASHI) : Examiner: P. Huntsinger
Application No.: 10/087,816) : Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: March 5, 2002) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND) :
COMMUNICATING METHOD)
IN IMAGE PROCESSING) :
APPARATUS) October 3, 2006

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: